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§ 303.7 Delegation of authority to the Director (DOS) and to the associate directors, regional directors and deputy regional directors to act on certain applications, requests, and notices of acquisition of control.

The Board of Directors of the FDIC has delegated to officials in the Division of Supervision and other employees of the FDIC the authority on behalf of the Board of Directors to act (subject to the provisions of § 303.10 of this part) on the following applications, requests, and notices of acquisition of control.

(a) *Applications for branches (including remote service facilities, courier services, foreign branches of domestic banks), relocations, and for trust and other banking powers—*(1) *Branch and relocation applications.* (i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve applications for consent to establish branch facilities (including remote service facilities, courier services and foreign branches of domestic banks) or relocations where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section and agrees in writing to comply with any condition imposed by the delegate other than those standard conditions listed in § 303.0(b)(31).

(ii) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director:

(A) To deny applications for consent to establish branch facilities (including remote service facilities, courier services and foreign branches of domestic banks) or relocations; and

(B) To approve such applications where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section but does not agree in writing to comply with any condition imposed by the delegate.

(iii) The requisites which must be satisfied before the authority delegated by paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii)(B) of this section to approve applications for consent to establish branch facilities or relocations may be exercised are:

(A) The seven factors set forth in section 6 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1816) have been considered and favorably resolved (except that this requisite does not apply to applications to establish courier services);

(B) The applicant meets the capital requirements set forth in 12 CFR part 325 and the FDIC's "Statement of Policy on Capital" or agrees in writing to increase capital so as to be in compliance with the requirements of 12 CFR part 325 before or at the consummation of the transaction which is the subject of the application, except that this requisite does not apply to applications to establish courier services, remote service facilities, and relocations of branches or main offices;

(C) Any financial arrangements which have been made in connection with the proposed branch or relocation and which involve the applicant's directors, officers, major shareholders, or their interests, are fair and reasonable in comparison to similar arrangements that could have been made with independent third parties; and

(D) The requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470), the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321), and the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C. 2901 through 2905) and its applicable implementing regulation (12 CFR part 345) have been considered and favorably resolved (except that this requisite does not apply to applications to establish foreign branches): *Provided, however,* That the authority to approve an application may not be subdelegated to a regional director or deputy regional director where a protest (as that term is defined in § 303.0(b)(30)) under the Community Reinvestment Act is filed.

(2) *Applications for consent to exercise trust and other banking powers.* (i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to

approve applications for the FDIC's consent to exercise trust or other banking powers where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) of this section and agrees in writing to comply with any other conditions imposed by the delegate other than those standard conditions listed in § 303.0(b)(31).

(ii) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director:

(A) To deny applications for trust or other banking powers; and

(B) To approve such applications where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) of this section but does not agree in writing to comply with any condition required by the delegate other than those standard conditions listed in § 303.0(b)(31).

(iii) The requisites which must be satisfied before the authority delegated by paragraphs (a)(2)(i) and (ii)(B) of this section to approve applications for trust or other banking powers may be exercised are:

(A) The seven factors set forth in section 6 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1816) have been considered and favorably resolved;

(B) The proposed management of the trust or other banking business is determined capable of satisfactorily handling the anticipated business; and

(C) In regards to trust applications only, the applicant's board of directors has formally adopted Form 114—

Statement of Principles of Trust Department Management.

(b) *Merger transactions.* (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(4) and (5) of this section and in § 303.10(b) of this part, authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve any application for permission to merge or consolidate with any other bank or institution or, either directly or indirectly, to acquire the assets of, or assume the liability to pay any deposits made in any other bank, institution, or branch of a foreign bank (hereafter *merger transaction*) where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (b)(7) of this section and

(subject to paragraph (b)(6) of this section) where:

(i) The resulting institution, upon consummation of the merger transaction, would not have more than 15% of the individual, partnership and corporate deposits held by commercial banks and/or thrift institutions, as may be appropriate, in the relevant market(s); or

(ii) The resulting institution, upon consummation of the merger transaction, would not have more than 25% of the individual, partnership and corporate deposits held by commercial banks and/or thrift institutions, as may be appropriate, in the relevant market(s), and the Attorney General has determined that the proposed merger transaction would not have a significantly adverse effect on competition.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(4) of this section, authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, to approve applications for merger transactions where the resulting institution, upon consummation of the merger transaction, would not have more than 35% of the individual, partnership and corporate deposits held by commercial banks and/or thrift institutions, as may be appropriate, in the relevant market(s), and the Attorney General has determined that the proposed merger transaction would not have a significantly adverse effect on competition.

(3) In cases where applicable, the delegate will review any reports on the competitive factors involved in the merger transaction that the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Director OTS and the Attorney General may have provided in response to a request for such reports by the FDIC. In the absence of a formal written opinion by the Attorney General, the delegate may also request the FDIC's General Counsel or designee to provide a formal written opinion on the question whether the merger transaction may have a significantly adverse effect on competition. However, the authority delegated under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (2) of this section

may not be exercised in the absence of a formal written opinion by the Attorney General where the resulting bank, upon consummation of the merger transaction, would have more than 15% of the individual, partnership, and corporate deposits held by commercial banks and/or thrift institutions, as may be appropriate, in the relevant market(s).

(4) The delegations contained in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section to approve applications for merger transactions do not extend to such applications:

(i) Falling within the scope of the *probable failure* or *emergency* provisions of 12 U.S.C. 1828(c)(6); or

(ii) Where the resulting institution, upon consummation of the merger transaction, does not meet the capital requirements set forth in 12 CFR part 325 and the FDIC's "Statement of Policy on Capital." (If the applicant is a foreign bank, the delegated authority to approve does not extend to instances where, upon consummation of the merger transaction, the foreign bank's insured branch is not in compliance with 12 CFR part 346.)

(5) The authority to approve an application may not be subdelegated to a regional director or deputy regional director where a protest (as that term is defined in §303.0(b)(30)) under the Community Reinvestment Act is filed.

(6) Where the merging institutions operate in different relevant market areas, then the limitations relative to market share percentages set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply.

(7) The requisites which must be satisfied before the authority delegated by paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section to approve applications for merger transactions may be exercised are:

(i) That the statutory factors contained in section 18(c)(5) (12 U.S.C. 1828(c)(5)) of the Act have been considered and favorably resolved; and

(ii) Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321), the Community Reinvestment Act (12 U.S.C. 2901 through 2905) and the applicable implementing regulation (12 CFR part 345 or any other applicable implementing regulation) have been considered and favorably resolved.

(8) In approving an application for a merger transaction under this section, a delegate may impose any of the standard conditions listed in §303.0(b)(31), or any other condition to which the applicant has agreed in writing.

(9) Notwithstanding any limitation or condition imposed by this section, the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, an associate director, or the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director is authorized to approve any transaction involving a merger facilitated by the Resolution Trust Corporation under its authority to assist savings associations in default or in danger of default, provided that the resulting entity from the merger is a state-chartered insured non-member bank.

(c) *Notices of acquisition of control.* (1) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to issue a written notice of the FDIC's intent not to disapprove an acquisition of control of an insured depository institution.

(2) The authority delegated by paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall include the power:

(i) To act in situations where information is submitted on acquisitions arising out of testate or intestate succession, bona fide gifts, or foreclosure;

(ii) To extend notice periods;

(iii) To determine the informational adequacy of a notice;

(iv) To determine whether a notice should be filed under section 7(j) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) by a person acquiring less than 25 percent of any class of voting securities of an insured depository institution; and

(v) To waive publication, waive or shorten the public comment period, or act on a proposed acquisition of control prior to the expiration of the public comment period, as provided in 12 CFR 303.4(b)(3).

(3) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, to disapprove an acquisition of control of an insured state depository institution.

(d) *Deposit insurance applications*—(1) *Proposed or newly organized depository institutions.* (i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (d)(1)(iii) of this section, to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve applications for deposit insurance by proposed or newly organized depository institutions, where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section, and agrees in writing to comply with any condition imposed by the delegate, other than those listed in paragraph (d)(4) of this section. *Provided however;* That the requisites listed in paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply to any transaction facilitated by the Resolution Trust Corporation under its authority to assist savings associations in default or in danger of default.

(ii) The requisites which must be satisfied before the authority delegated by paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section to approve applications for deposit insurance by proposed or newly organized depository institutions may be exercised are:

(A) (1) As to Federal savings associations, factors (1) through (5) of the seven factors set forth in section 6 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1816) have each been considered and favorably resolved, and the FDIC has received from the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision the certificate required under section 5 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1815);

(2) As to all other depository institutions, each of the seven factors set forth in section 6 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1816) has been considered and favorably resolved; and

(B) The requirements set forth below are met:

(1) Equity capital is not less than \$1,000,000;

(2) Legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with the proposal are determined to be reasonable;

(3) No unresolved *management interlocks*, as prohibited by the Depository Institution Management Interlocks Act (12 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*), part 348 of this chapter (12 CFR part 348) or any

other applicable implementing regulation, exist;

(4) The projected ratio of equity capital and reserves to assets, including projected profits and losses, is at least 10 percent at the end of the third year of operations;

(5) Profitable operations are projected at least for the third year of operations;

(6) The proposed aggregate direct and indirect investment in fixed assets is determined to be reasonable relative to the applicant's proposed equity capitalization, projected earnings capacity, and other pertinent bases of consideration;

(7) Any financial arrangements made or proposed in connection with the proposed depository institution involving the applicant's directors, officers, 5 percent shareholders or their interests are determined to be fair and made on substantially the same terms as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with noninsiders and do not involve more than normal risk or present other unfavorable features. The applicant also must have fully disclosed, or agreed to disclose fully, any such arrangement to all of its proposed directors and shareholders prior to the opening of the depository institution;

(8) Stock financing arrangements, fidelity coverage and accrual accounting conform to the guidelines established in the FDIC's policy statement on "Applications for Deposit Insurance;" and

(9) Compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470), the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321), and the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C. 2901 through 2905) and the applicable implementing regulation (12 CFR part 345 or any other implementing regulation) is adequate and favorably resolved.

(iii) The authority to approve an application may not be subdelegated to a regional director or deputy regional director where:

(A) A protest (as that term is defined in §303.0(b)(30)) under the Community Reinvestment Act is filed; or

(B) (1) There is direct or indirect financing, by proposed directors and officers and 5 percent or more shareholders, of more than 75 percent of the purchase price of the stock subscribed to by any one shareholder;

(2) There is aggregate financing of stock subscriptions in excess of 50 percent of the total capital offered, or

(3) Warehoused or trustee stock exceeds 10 percent of initial capital funds.

(2) *Operating noninsured depository institutions and state or privately insured institutions.* (i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or, for applicant institutions with total assets of less than \$250,000,000, to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve applications for deposit insurance by operating noninsured depository institutions, or state-insured or privately insured institutions where the applicant satisfies the requisites listed in paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of this section and agrees in writing to comply with any condition imposed by the delegate other than those listed in paragraph (d)(4) of this section.

(ii) The requisites which must be satisfied before the authority delegated by paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section to approve applications for deposit insurance by operating noninsured depository institutions may be exercised are:

(A) The applicant is determined to be eligible for federal deposit insurance for the class of institution to which the applicant belongs in the state (as defined in 12 U.S.C. 1813(a)) in which the applicant is located;

(B) The seven factors set forth in section 6 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1816) have been considered and favorably resolved;

(C) The applicant meets the minimum capital requirements as set forth in part 325 of this chapter (12 CFR part 325) and the FDIC's "Statement of Policy on Capital" or agrees in writing to increase capital so as to be in compliance with the requirements of 12 CFR part 325 before or at the time deposit insurance becomes effective;

(D) All *management interlocks* as prohibited by part 348 of this chapter (12 CFR part 348) or any other applicable

implementing regulation have been resolved; and

(E) The applicant has no fewer than five directors.

(3) *Banks withdrawing from Federal Reserve System.* Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director and deputy regional director, to approve applications for deposit insurance by state non-member banks that have withdrawn from membership in the Federal Reserve System where the applicant agrees in writing to comply with any condition imposed by the delegate other than those listed in paragraph (d)(4) of this section and satisfies the following requisites;

(i) The seven factors set forth in section 6 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1816) have been considered and favorably resolved; and

(ii) The bank has agreed to continue any corrective program imposed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or previously agreed to by the bank where the bank is not in material compliance with that corrective program.

(4) *Conditions for exercise of delegated authority.* The conditions which may be imposed by a delegate in approving applications for deposit insurance without affecting the authority granted under paragraphs (d)(1), (2), and (3) of this section are:

(i) The applicant has provided a specific amount and a specific allocation of beginning paid-in capital;

(ii) Any changes in proposed management or proposed ownership to the extent of 5 or more percent of stock, including new acquisitions of or subscriptions to 5 or more percent of stock shall be approved by the FDIC prior to the opening of the depository institution;

(iii) The applicant adopts an accrual accounting system for maintaining the books of the depository institution;

(iv) Where applicable, Federal deposit insurance will not become effective until the applicant has been established as a state bank (not a member of the Federal Reserve System), has authority to conduct a banking business, and its establishment and operation as

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a bank have been fully approved by the state banking authority;

(v) Where applicable, federal deposit insurance will not become effective until the applicant has been established as a state savings association, has authority to conduct a savings association business, and its establishment and operation as a savings association have been fully approved by the appropriate state supervisory authority;

(vi) Where applicable, a registered or proposed bank holding company, or a registered or proposed thrift holding company, has obtained approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to acquire voting stock control of the proposed bank prior to its opening;

(vii) Where applicable, the applicant, has submitted any proposed contracts, leases, or agreements relating to construction or rental of permanent quarters to the appropriate regional director for review and comment;

(viii) Where applicable, full disclosure has been made to all proposed directors and stockholders of the facts concerning the interest of any insider (one who is or stands to be a director, an officer, or an incorporator of an applicant or shareholder who directly or indirectly controls 5 or more percent of any class of the applicant's outstanding voting stock, or the associates and interests of any such person) in any transactions being effected or then contemplated, including the identity of the parties to the transaction and the terms and costs involved;

(ix) The person(s) selected to serve as the principal operating officer(s) shall be acceptable to the regional director;

(x) The applicant has obtained adequate blanket bond coverage;

(xi) That the depository institution obtain an audit of its financial statements by an independent public accountant annually for at least the first three years after deposit insurance is effective, furnish a copy of any reports by the independent auditor (including any management letters) to the appropriate FDIC regional office within 15 days after their receipt by the depository institution and notify the appropriate FDIC regional office within 15

days when a change in its independent auditor occurs; and

(xii) Any standard condition (as defined in § 303.0(b)(31)).

(e) *Applications pursuant to section 19 of the Act.* (1) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), or where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve applications made by insured depository institutions pursuant to section 19 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1829) for participation, directly or indirectly, in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of an insured depository institution by any person who has been convicted or is hereafter convicted of any criminal offense involving dishonesty or a breach of trust; *Provided however,* That authority may not be delegated to the regional director or deputy regional director where the applicant depository institution's primary supervisory authority interposes any objection to such application.

(2)(i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed by writing by the director, to an associate director, to deny applications made by insured depository institutions pursuant to section 19 of the Act.

(ii) The authority delegated under paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section shall be exercised only upon the concurrent certification by the Deputy General Counsel Supervision and Legislation, or the Associate General Counsel for Compliance and Enforcement that the action taken is not inconsistent with section 19 of the Act.

(iii) An applicant may still request a hearing following a denial of the application under this paragraph in accordance with the provisions of part 308 of this chapter (12 CFR part 308).

(3) The conditions which may be imposed by a delegate in approving applications pursuant to section 19, without affecting the authority granted under paragraph (e)(1) of this section are:

(i) That an employee shall be bonded to the same extent as others in similar positions; and

(ii) That, when deemed necessary, the prior consent of the appropriate regional director shall be required for

any proposed significant changes in duties and/or responsibilities of the individual occurring within 12 months subsequent to the approval of the application.

(f) *Insurance fund conversions, applications pursuant to section 38 of the Act (prompt corrective action), and other applications.* (1) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve or to deny the following applications, requests or petitions:

(i) Applications to establish and operate any new teller's window, drive-in facility, or any like office, as an adjunct to a main office or a branch office (including offices not considered branches under state law);

(ii) Applications to operate temporary banking facilities as a public service for a period not to exceed ninety days during conventions, state and local fairs, college registration periods, and similar occasions, as well as during emergencies;

(iii) Applications filed pursuant to section 18(i)(1) of the Act to reduce the amount or retire any part of common or preferred capital stock, or retire any part of capital notes or debentures;

(iv) Requests for approval of any deviations from requirements prescribed by prior delegated action (to be acted upon by the delegate who acted previously in the matter);

(v) Except as provided in § 303.10(b)(1)(iii) of this part, applications for *phantom mergers*⁸ and other mergers which are corporate reorganizations, *i.e.*, transactions involving institutions controlled by the same holding company or transactions involving institutions and their subsidiaries which would have no effect on competition or otherwise have signifi-

cance under relevant statutory standards as set forth in 12 U.S.C. 1828(c);

(vi) Applications for deposit insurance filed by proposed state non-member banks or savings associations which are formed in connection with a phantom merger;

(vii) Requests to establish management official interlocks pursuant to 12 CFR 348.4(b) of this chapter or section 205(8) of the Depository Institutions Management Interlocks Act (except that a regional director or deputy regional director may deny such a request only if the request was made pursuant to 12 CFR 348.4(b)(3)); and

(viii) Applications pursuant to section 29 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1831) for waiver of the prohibition on the acceptance or renewal of brokered deposits by troubled insured depository institutions.

(ix) Applications filed pursuant to section 38 of the Act (prompt corrective action), including applications to make a capital distribution; applications for acquisitions, branching, and new lines of business (except that the delegation is limited to the authority as delegated to approve or deny any concurrent application filed pursuant to 18 (c) or (d)); applications to pay a bonus or increase compensation; applications for an exception to pay principal or interest on subordinated debt; and applications to engage in any restricted activity listed in § 303.5(e)(5).

(2) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director:

(i) To deny a request to establish a management official interlock pursuant to any provision of either 12 CFR 348.4(b) of this chapter, or section 205(8) of the Depository Institutions Management Interlocks Act; and

(ii) To approve or to deny applications for the acquisition and holding of stock or other evidences of ownership in a foreign bank or other financial entity that results in less than 25 percent ownership interest in such bank or entity.

(3)(i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, to approve an application

⁸As used in this part 303, the term *phantom merger* applies to any merger or other transaction involving an existing operating institution and a newly chartered institution or corporation which is for the purpose of corporate reorganization and which would have no effect on competition or otherwise have significance under the relevant statutory standards as set forth in 12 U.S.C. 1828(c).

made by an applicant pursuant to section 8(j) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(j)) for the termination or modification of a removal or prohibition order, which was issued by the Board after a hearing, on default, or by consent.

(ii) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, to consent to an application pursuant to section 8(j) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(j)) to obtain the prior written approval of the FDIC to participate in the conduct of the affairs of a bank filed by an individual subject to a removal or prohibition order.

(iii) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), or where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, to deny an application made by an applicant pursuant to section 8(j) of the Act.

(iv) The authority delegated under paragraphs (f)(3)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section shall be exercised only upon the concurrent certification by the Deputy General Counsel for Supervision and Legislation, or the Associate General Counsel for Compliance and Enforcement that the action taken is not inconsistent with section 8(j) of the Act.

(4)(i) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS) and, where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director to approve or deny conversions involving transfers of deposits between the SAIF and BIF funds; *Provided however*, That where the basis for the conversion is that the transaction affects an insubstantial portion of the deposits of each institution, authority is not delegated to the regional director or deputy regional director where the total deposits transferred to or from either institution, accumulated with all other insurance fund transfers involving that institution since August 9, 1989, exceeds the lesser of 35 percent of total deposits of either institution on May 1, 1989, plus net interest credited to the expected date of transfer, or the amount equal to total deposits of either institution on the expected date of transfer.

(ii) The conditions that may be imposed in approving applications for insurance fund conversions without af-

fecting the authority granted in § 303.7(f)(4) of this section are:

(A) That, upon consummation, the deposits involved in the transaction do not exceed 35%, on a cumulative basis with other deposits transferred between the SAIF and BIF funds, for either of the institutions involved, of the lesser of (1) total deposits as of May 1, 1989, plus net interest credited during the period from May 1, 1989, to the date of transfer of the deposits, or (2) total deposits of the institution as of the date of transfer of the deposits; and

(B) That applicable entrance and exit fees be paid pursuant to FDIC regulations.

(5) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS) and, where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director to:

(i) Determine whether applicants requesting approval under section 5(d)(3)(A)(i) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1815(d)(3)(A)(i)) meet all minimum capital requirements contained in 12 CFR part 325;

(ii) Approve applications where the applicant satisfies the requirements specified in paragraph (f)(5)(i) of this section and the requirements of section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(c)); and

(iii) Deny such applications if the requirements specified in paragraph (f)(5)(i) of this section are not met.

(6) In approving an application, request or petition under any provision of this paragraph, a delegate may impose any of the standard conditions listed in § 303.0(b)(31), or any other condition to which the applicant has agreed in writing.

(g) *Requests pursuant to section 18(k) of the Act.* Authority is delegated to the Director, and where confirmed in writing by the Director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve or deny requests pursuant to section 18(k) of the Act to make:

(1) Excess nondiscriminatory severance plan payments as provided by 12 CFR 359.1(f)(2)(v); and

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(2) Golden parachute payments permitted by 12 CFR 359.4.

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§ 303.8 Other delegations of authority.

(a) *Extensions of time.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to approve and to deny requests for extensions of time, not to exceed one year on any one request relating to the same application, within which to perform acts or conditions required by prior FDIC action on depository institution applications.

(2) Notwithstanding the delegations in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, no delegate shall have the authority to deny an extension of time request unless that delegate had authority to deny the original application upon which the extension of time is predicated.

(b) *Disclosure laws and regulations.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to act on disclosure matters under and pursuant to sections 12, 13, 14, 17 and 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78) or parts 335 and 341 of this chapter (12 CFR parts 335 and 341).

(2) Authority to act on disclosure matters is retained by the Board of Directors when such matters involve:

(i) Exemption from disclosure requirements pursuant to section 12(h) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 781(h));

(ii) Exemption from tender offer requirements pursuant to section 14(d)(8) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78n(d)(8)); or

(iii) Exemption from registration requirements pursuant to section 17A(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q-1(c)(1)).

(c) *Security devices and procedures and bank service arrangements.* Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS) and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to administer the provisions of part 326 of this chapter (12 CFR part 326).

(d) *In emergencies.* For the purpose of assuring performance of, and continuity in the management functions and activities of the FDIC, the Board of Directors has delegated, to the extent deemed necessary, authority with respect to the management of the FDIC's affairs, to certain designated offices, such authority to be exercised only in the event of an emergency involving an enemy attack on the continental United States or other warlike occurrence which renders the Board of Directors unable to perform the management functions and activities normally performed by it.

(e) *Competitive factor reports.* Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the regional director or deputy regional director in the appropriate FDIC region in which the applicant depository institution⁹ is located, to furnish required reports to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Comptroller of the Currency on the competitive factors involved in any merger required to be approved by one of those agencies, if the delegate is of the view that the proposed merger would not have a substantially adverse effect on competition.

(f) *Agreements for pledge of assets by foreign banks.* (1) Authority is delegated to the Director (DOS), and where confirmed in writing by the director, to an associate director, or to the appropriate regional director or deputy regional director, to enter into pledge agreements with foreign banks and depositories in connection with the pledge of asset requirements pursuant

⁹As used in paragraph (e) of this section, the term *applicant depository institution* means the institution which is applying for merger approval to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System the Comptroller of the Currency, or the Director of OTS, whichever is applicable.